



CATAWBA COUNTY PARKS MASTER PLAN SURVEY

The Catawba County Department of Planning and Community Development is in the process of creating a Parks Master Plan for Catawba County and would like your input. Please take a moment to complete the following survey. The information that you provide will help determine parks and passive recreation priorities in our community. If you need additional copies for your household, they can be found on our web page at www.co.catawba.nc.us or by calling (828) 465-8380. Thank you for your time and your interest in continuing to improve Catawba County Parks.

Gender: ☐ Male ☐ Female **Resident of Catawba County:** ☐ Yes ☐ No **Zip Code:** _____

List the number of persons in your household including yourself who are in the age brackets below:

1-10____ 11-16____ 17-25____ 26-46____ 47-59____ 60+____

Overall, how would you rate Bakers Mountain Park and Riverbend Park in Catawba County?

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Don't know

Specifically, how would you rate the amenities provided by both Parks?

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Don't know

Overall, how would you rate the security, maintenance and educational programs of the Parks?

☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor ☐ Don't know

The County Parks are currently open to the public four days a week. Check below the number of days you would like the County Parks to operate.

☐ Four days a week (Current) ☐ Six days a week

Check below how frequently you or others in your household have visited the following facilities.

Riverbend Park ☐ Regularly ☐ Occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

Bakers Mountain Park ☐ Regularly ☐ Occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

Check which of the following parks and recreation systems and cultural resources within Catawba County you or others in your household participate in regularly?

Please check all that apply.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> City of Hickory | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Newton | <input type="checkbox"/> City of Conover | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Maiden |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Longview | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Claremont | <input type="checkbox"/> Town of Catawba | <input type="checkbox"/> Lookout Shoals Boat Access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oxford Boat Access | <input type="checkbox"/> Long Island Boat Access | <input type="checkbox"/> Murray's Mill | <input type="checkbox"/> Bunker Hill Covered Bridge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> YMCA | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Recreation Facility or Private Recreation Provider.(Gym, Golf Course, Optimist) | | |

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Check below improvements that could be made to EXISTING Catawba County parks facilities (Riverbend Park and Bakers Mountain Park)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Improve parking areas in parks | <input type="checkbox"/> Increasing beautification in parks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Add/Improve trails | <input type="checkbox"/> Increase days and hours open |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Add signage to facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Add more public restrooms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expand parks and open space acreage | <input type="checkbox"/> Add picnic and sitting areas |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Primitive camping sites | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ | |

The County's mission for Parks is to provide passive recreation and educational opportunities for County Residents and visitors. Rank in order of importance the top ten facilities that could be developed in Catawba County. (One being the highest priority) Please consider other members of your household as well.

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| _____ Bicycle Trails (3-6 Miles) | _____ Jogging/Walking Trails (2-3 Miles) Paved |
| _____ Bicycle Trails (6-12 Miles) | _____ Jogging/Walking Trails (3-6 Miles) Paved |
| _____ Equestrian Trails | _____ Interpretive/Educational Nature Trails (Natural Surface) |
| _____ Dog Parks | _____ Greenways, (trails or paths connecting to other recreation areas) |
| _____ Picnic Areas | _____ Outdoor Swimming Area /Pool with special recreation features |
| _____ Open Space/Natural Areas | _____ Community Meeting/Gathering Facility |
| _____ Outdoor Performance Area | _____ Primitive Camping |
| _____ Environmental Education Center | _____ Mountain Biking |
| _____ Boat, Canoe, Kayak Access | _____ Public Access to Catawba River |

Please list below, any recreation, educational programs or special events that you would like to see offered in the Catawba County Parks:

Would you make use of a Greenway/Trail that would connect to destination areas within Catawba County?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you feel there is a need for additional passive recreation parks at other locations in Catawba County, similar to Bakers Mountain and Riverbend Park?

☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, what area of the County _____

Would you be in favor or oppose a portion of your property tax to be dedicated for ongoing and future park development in Catawba County?

☐ Favor ☐ Oppose

Would you use a park or recreation facility more if it were closer to your home or work?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Comments: _____

Please return survey by mail by September 15, 2005 to:

by Mail: Catawba County, Planning and Community Development, PO Box 389, Newton, NC 28658,

by fax at : (828) 465-8484

hand deliver to: Planning and Community Development, Catawba County Government Center and Riverbend or Bakers Mountain Park

e-mail to: Blair@catawbacountync.gov

Optional

Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Address: _____ Email Address: _____